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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. DURING LUCHEON SEPTEMBER 28 HOSTED BY SHCHUKIN FOR SKOUG, FORMER SAID THAT HE HAD VISITED PATOLICHEV AT SANATORIUM NEAR MOSCOW WHERE HE HAS BEEN RESTING. (PATOLICHEV RETURNED TO WORK AT MFT ON SEPTEMBER 27 OR 28 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ABOUT EIGHT WEEKS.) SHCHUKIN SAID THAT PATOLICHEV INTENDS TO GO TO LOS ANGELES AND WILL BE RESPONDING SOON TO SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S LETTER, WHICH PATOLICHEV HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE. DURING CONVERSATION SHCHUKIN MENTIONED TWO POINTS WHICH ALLEGEDLY WERE DISTURBING TO PATOLICHEV ON HIS JUNE VISIT TO WASHINGTON, FIRST, HE HAD NOT SEEN THE PRESIDENT. SECOND, NEITHER BLUMENTHAL NOR KREPS HAD MET HIM AT THE AIRPORT - ONLY REICH WAS PRESENT. ACCORDING TO SHCHUKIN, IT WAS INVARIABLE PRACTICE FOR CABINET OFFICIAL TO MEET PATOLICHEV ON HIS PREVIOUS VISITS TO U.S. SHCHUKIN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT PATOLICHEV HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED BY ATTENTION AND ATTITUDE OF BLUMENTHAL AND KREPS AT JCC ITSELF. (INCIDENTALLY, SHCHUKIN STATED THAT PATOLICHEV HAS NOT BEEN WELL AND HAD TO CANCEL TRIP TO CANADA; CUSTOMARY
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EXPLANATION OF THIS CANCELLATION IS CONFLICT OF SCHEDULE SO THAT PATOLICHEV COULD ATTEND SESSION OF SUPREME SOVIET ON NEW CONSTITUTION.)

2. PLEASE ASK TOM BUCHANAN IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL FRIENDS HE WOULD LIKE INVITED TO DINNER WE ARE GIVING FOR HIM AND NANCY WHILE THEY ARE HERE - PROBABLY EVENING OF

OCTOBER 5.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE WORD ON COLUMBIA PLAZA RESERVATIONS
(MOSCOW 14137 AND MOSCOW 13880) SINCE WE NEED TO GET LETTERS
TO VARIOUS PEOPLE AS TO WHERE WE CAN BE FOUND.

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